

<p>"I have always thought of Christmas time... as a good time; a kind forgiving charitable, pleasant time... and... though it has never put a scrap of gold in my pocket, I believe it has done me something good."</p>	<p><i>Spoken by Scrooge's nephew, Fred, as he's describing to Scrooge he (even as a poor man) sees Christmas.</i></p>
<p>"It's only but once a year, sir... it shall not be repeated. I was making rather merry yesterday and into the night..."</p>	<p><i>Spoken by Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's clerk, as he explains to Scrooge why he arrived late to work. Little does he know, though, that Scrooge is a "changed man" and will not be angry with Cratchit after all. 😊</i></p>
<p>"He is the best, best, the very best and absolute best! If I ever own a firm of my own, I shall treat my apprentices with the same dignity and the same grace."</p>	<p><i>Spoken by a younger Scrooge who's inspired by Fezziwig. Scrooge reflects on the powerful role a boss can have in his employees' lives—the ability to make them happy, or miserable, just as easily as the other.</i></p>
<p>"I wear the chain I forged in life... I made it link by link, and yard by yard. Is its pattern strange to you?"</p>	<p><i>Spoken by Marley's ghost, shortly after he first appears to Ebenezer Scrooge.</i></p>
<p>"A few of us are endeavoring to raise a fund to buy the poor some meat and drink, and means of warmth. We chose this time... when Want is keenly felt and Abundance rejoices."</p>	<p><i>Spoken by the Portly and Thin Man, who are trying to collect donations during the Christmas season.</i></p>

<p>“Many thousands are in want of common necessities; hundreds of thousands are in want of common comforts, Sir”</p>	<p><i>Spoken by the Portly and Thin Man, who are trying to explain to Scrooge why people should donate to the less fortunate.</i></p>
<p>“Many can’t go there; and many would rather die.”</p>	<p><i>This is the response that the Portly & Thin Man give Scrooge when Scrooge asks why the poor can’t just go to prison and/or Union Workhouse.</i></p>
<p>“Come then. What reason do you have to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose? You’re rich enough!”</p>	<p><i>This is Scrooge’s nephew, Fred’s quote to Scrooge as he tries to encourage him to be more “merry” during Christmas, instead of dismal and miserable. Fred tries to remind Scrooge that others are much less fortunate than he—Scrooge is too “rich” to have anything to be upset about.</i></p>
<p>“Our contract is an old one. It was made when we were both poor and content to be so. You are changed. When it was made, you were another man.”</p>	<p><i>This quote was taken from Belle, Scrooge’s ex-fiancé, as she broke up with him. She was trying to “excuse” Scrooge from having to marry her—a poor girl—because he’s no longer a poor man.</i></p>
<p>“I would gladly think otherwise if I could, heaven knows! But if you were free today, tomorrow or yesterday, can even I believe that you would choose a dowerless girl— you who in your very confidence with her weight everything by Gain; or choosing her, do I not know that your repentance and regret would surely follow?”</p>	<p><i>This quote was taken from Belle, Scrooge’s ex-fiancé, who is reminding Scrooge that she comes from a poor family and so she does not have a dowry (a gift of money or value that a girl’s family would often have to “pay” to the man’s family for marrying their daughter.) She’s implying that since he’s so focused on money and earning more of it, he probably would prefer a girl <u>with</u> a dowry.</i></p>

<p><i>"[Scrooge must sleep now. He must surrender to the irresistible drowsiness caused by the recognition of what was.]"</i></p>	<p><i>This is a line spoken by the narrator after Scrooge has just completed his adventure with the Ghost of Christmas Past.</i></p>
<p>"So I pray you hurry back to your seats and refreshed and ready for a miser—to turn his coat of gray into a blazen Christmas holly-red."</p>	<p><i>This is a line spoken by Marley's ghost directly to the audience. He foreshadows that Scrooge is about to change from his miser ways!</i></p>
<p>"Upon my cheek? Nothing... a blemish on the skin from the eating of overmuch grease..."</p>	<p><i>This is a line spoken by Scrooge to the Ghost of Christmas Past. He's trying to hide his emotions as he weeps and sees his old self (young Scrooge) sitting alone in the school house.</i></p>
<p>"A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty-fifth of December!"</p>	<p><i>This quote was spoken by Scrooge to Bob Cratchit, his clerk. It is regarding Scrooge's frustration for "having to" give Bob the day off from work on Christmas Day AND still pay him!</i></p>
<p>"I am here tonight to warn you, that you have yet a chance and hope of escaping my fate. A chance and hope of my procuring."</p>	<p><i>This line is spoken by Marley's ghost, as he explains to Scrooge his purpose for being there.</i></p>

<p>"I want nothing of you; I ask nothing of you; why cannot we be friends?"</p>	<p><i>This heart filled (seemingly-desperate) line is spoken by Scrooge's nephew, Fred, as he questions Scrooge why they cannot have a friendly relationship between them. Scrooge likely assumes that everyone wants something from him, and Fred is trying to convince Scrooge that that's not the case.</i></p>
<p>"I'd rather see myself dead than see myself with your family."</p>	<p><i>These harsh words were spoken by Scrooge to his nephew, after Fred has just invited his Uncle Scrooge to join his wife & kids for a Christmas meal.</i></p>
<p>"An act of kindness is like the first green grape of summer; one leads to another and another and another."</p>	<p><i>This cheerful line is spoken by Marley's ghost as he (and the audience members) witness "the new" Scrooge merrily send a young boy to purchase a large turkey for the Cratchit family—it's an act of kindness for the family, but also for the young boy who can make some money doing it!</i></p>
<p>"There was a young boy singing a Christmas Carol outside my door last night. I should have liked to have given him something; that's all."</p>	<p><i>This line was spoken by Scrooge as he observes Tiny Tim with the Ghost of Christmas Present. He is reminded of another young boy he could've helped.</i></p>
<p>"It isn't that! It isn't that, Spirit. Fezziwig had the power to make us happy or unhappy; to make our service light or burdensome; a pleasure or a toil. The happiness he gave is quite as great as if it cost him a fortune."</p>	<p><i>This line came from Scrooge who was talking to the Ghost of Christmas Past, as he observed his past self and reflected on his young promise (to himself) to be just like Fezziwig when he grows up.</i></p>

“Look, you, sir, a school ahead. The schoolroom is not quite deserted. A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still.”

A line spoken by the Ghost of Christmas Past to Scrooge as they reached their first destination to view just how solitary and neglected young Scrooge was.

“Always a delicate creature, whom a breath might have withered, but she had a large heart...”

A quote from Scrooge about his older sister, Fan, as he watches his younger self interact with her in the schoolhouse.